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1. According to an article in the weekly magazine "Semana", a new Colombian socialist youth movement consisting of 15 groups in the Universities at Bogota, Barranquilla, Pereira, Cali, Palmira, Cartagena, and Bucaramanga, has been organized under the leadership of Antonio Garcia. The movement calls itself a third force, situated between aggressive capitalism and militarized Communism, and claims no relationship with either of the principal political parties.
2. Other principal leaders mentioned in the article are Rafael Mendoza Isaza, Mauro Torres, Julian Dario Utria, and Roberto Franco Isaza.
3. The article stated that approximately 170 delegates attended a convention held by the movement in Bogota late in April.
4. [REDACTED] this movement is in no way connected with the Party, in spite of the fact that the founder, Antonio Garcia, was formerly a staunch Communist.
5. [REDACTED] within the Communist youth movement has stated that the Communists are attempting to organize an independent youth movement within the Liberal Party, but that Garcia's movement is not one of the Party's projects. [REDACTED] Garcia is no longer regarded as a Party collaborator.

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